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1. I have informed Thieu in general terms of your meeting with Yul May 31. I did not go into details of our package proposal, but said that we in general followed the lines of President Nixon's proposal last October, i. e., cease-fire in all Southeast Asia, international supervision of cease-fire, prisoner exchange, withdrawal of our troops and eventual withdrawal of all foreign troops from Indo-China. I added that you had impressed on Yul that time is running out, that replacement of SVN Government was out of the question, and that we would not discuss their political demands.

2. I said that Yul's attitude had been more forthcoming than at any previous meetings. He had made clear their preference to negotiate rather than fight and wanted to keep the channel alive. He had asked for time to consider our suggestions and proposed meeting again in three weeks. I added that you felt Yul's attitude was the most serious he had yet exhibited and believed the next meeting should give a clear indication if the other side is serious about a negotiated solution to the conflict. I said that I would be able to give him a fuller account when I received a more detailed report of the meeting.

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3. Thieu expressed appreciation for the information and said he would be much interested in seeing what the next meeting brought forth.

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